

## **Beyond the Name**

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This series features eleven individuals from Williamsport and tells their stories in multiple formats (text, audio, photography, and/or film). As an artist and writer, I believe storytelling has the ability to influence everyone, whether the stories are relatable or unique. All of my interviews encompass personal accounts: One native described her near-death experience, and a couple explained how they met, while many simply revealed what they wanted others to know about themselves and their home. Although most of the questions varied, dependent on whom I interviewed, I presented the same two questions to everyone: “What’s something that Williamsport is known for (besides being the Little League World Series)?” and “What is an issue you’ve seen in the area, and how can we make it better?” Williamsport is a thriving, small city, but like all cities, it has problems. This series is meant to shed light on the raw elements of the area, which is why I have made minimal edits to the interview content. Although I am not a native of Williamsport and have not lived here long, I believe that this city is far more than Little League baseball; it’s a place filled with people who strive to better their community.